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Congressional Inquiries:				
	Blunt (Mo.) – Email – 3/19/14: Requests information on RAD material at the West Lake ite in Bridgeton. Due: 3/21/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)			
Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) – Email – 3/19/14: Constituent requests test results for soil sampling relating to the Westinghouse Electric Company - Hematite Facility in Festus. Due: 3/20/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)				
	ne Luetkemeyer (Mo.) – Email – 3/18/14. Constituent requests a company/distributor or pesticides distribution. Due: 3/19/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)			
Sen. Jerry Moran (Kan.) – Letter – 3/14/14: Constituent requests a timely response of a feasibility study for the Former United Zinc and Iron Works site in Iola. Due: 3/27/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)				
	<b>Wagner</b> (Mo.) – Email – 3/11/14: Requests an update on the West Lake Landfill site. Due: 3/13/14. aTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)			
	<b>les Grassley</b> (Iowa) – Email – 3/11/14: Constituent requests conference call with EPA staff regarding a mit for a recycling facility in Des Moines. Due: 3/13/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)			
State Government Inquiries:				
None				
Press In	quiries:			

**Associated Press (Kansas City)** – Maria Fischer – 3/14/14: Status update on Office of Inspector General's request to Region 7 regarding National Zinc mining site cleanup. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

**St. Louis Public Radio** – Veronique La Capra – 3/18/14: Request for RA to appear on radio show. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch** – Blythe Bernhard – 3/18/14: Westlake Landfill questions. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

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#### **Environmental Stories:**

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Bridgeton urges transfer of landfill cleanup to Army Corps -** 3/19/14 - The Bridgeton City Council unanimously adopted a resolution Wednesday night urging the transfer of the jurisdiction of the polluted West Lake Landfill to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. http://live.stltoday.com/Event/Live McGraw in the Morning

KTVI Ch. 2 St. Louis - Bridgeton votes to give control of landfill to St. Louis Army Corps of Engineers (+video) - 3/19/14 - The city of Bridgeton wants to give control of the West Lake Landfill to the St. Louis Army Corps of Engineers. The vote urging the change came quietly during Wednesday night's city council meeting. <a href="http://fox2now.com/2014/03/19/bridgeton-votes-to-give-control-of-landfill-to-st-louis-army-corps-of-engineers/">http://fox2now.com/2014/03/19/bridgeton-votes-to-give-control-of-landfill-to-st-louis-army-corps-of-engineers/</a>

KTRS Radio St. Louis - State Rep Bill Otto Responds to Republic Services Push Poll (audio) - 3/20/14 - Interview with State Rep. Bill Otto talks with McGraw Milhaven regarding Westlake Landfill activities. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmzc1TWEHk4&list=UU2Pl U7fBVPlLS4DVKafBcw

KTRS Radio St. Louis - Republic Services Not EPA Conducting Questionable Push Polls (audio) - 3/18/14 - McGraw Milhaven discusses Republic Services efforts to poll out-state residents regarding West Lake/Bridgeton landfill issue.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n71Z29EfeS8&list=UU2Pl U7fBVPlLS4DVKafBcw

Kansas City Business Journal - City ready to clean up, market beleaguered Citadel site - 3/20/14 - Citadel Plaza, a 35-acre tract just north of Research Medical Center, has been a fortress of development-defying doom for the past several years. Now, city officials are announcing some good news: lower-than-anticipated costs for asbestos and other environmental remediation at the seven-block site.

http://www.bizjournals.com/kansascity/news/2014/03/20/city-ready-to-clean-up-market-beleaguered-citadel.html

Des Moines Register - Keeping in Touch: Water issues linger, but Iowa on right track - 3/19/14 - The feds, represented by the Environmental Protection Administration, weren't kidding five years ago when they advised the Iowa Department of Natural Resources that the state better clean up its waters flowing into the Mississippi, or they would step in and "take over" to ensure that the Clean Water Act was stringently enforced. <a href="http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20140319/ALTOONA01/303190013/Keeping-in-Touch-Water-issues-linger-but-Iowa-on-right-track">http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20140319/ALTOONA01/303190013/Keeping-in-Touch-Water-issues-linger-but-Iowa-on-right-track</a>

Cedar Rapids Gazette (Iowa) - Farmer's message: Protect soil, water - 3/20/14 - There are many who don't think farmers and the agricultural industry will voluntarily implement the practices we need to reach that 41 percent reduction of nutrients in our waterways. I think we can if everyone does their part. What do you think? <a href="http://thegazette.com/2014/03/20/farmers-message-protect-soil-water/">http://thegazette.com/2014/03/20/farmers-message-protect-soil-water/</a>

Associated Press - Pipe break sends 50,000 gallons of wastewater into Mississippi River - Officials say thousands of gallons of wastewater accidentally entered the Mississippi River near the eastern Iowa city of Clinton, but it shouldn't pose a public health threat. <a href="http://qctimes.com/news/local/pipe-break-sends-gallons-of-wastewater-into-mississippi-river/article\_05923b08-b01c-11e3-9e71-001a4bcf887a.html">http://qctimes.com/news/local/pipe-break-sends-gallons-of-wastewater-into-mississippi-river/article\_05923b08-b01c-11e3-9e71-001a4bcf887a.html</a>

**Ag Professional - Iowa's Nutrient Research Center issues progress report -** 3/19/14 - Progress is being made on 10 projects funded through the Iowa Nutrient Research Center at Iowa State University. http://www.agprofessional.com/news/Iowas-Nutrient-Research-Center-issues-progress-report-251041361.html

**Hutchinson News (Kan.) - Wind grows as power source in Kansas -** 3/19/14 - After installing the second most new wind capacity in the United States in 2013, following on the third most in 2012, Kansas has blown past a number of states in its percentage of electricity generated from wind.

http://www.hutchnews.com/news/local\_state\_news/article\_842c7b13-48b4-51bb-a180-557c9a8c547f.html

**Topeka Capital-Journal - Opponents of renewable standards make repeal case -** 3/19/14 - Americans for Prosperity made its legislative pitch to scuttle renewable energy standards Wednesday, on the heels of a controversial statewide ad campaign. <a href="http://cjonline.com/news/2014-03-19/opponents-renewable-standards-make-repeal-case">http://cjonline.com/news/2014-03-19/opponents-renewable-standards-make-repeal-case</a>

**Lincoln Journal-Star (Neb.) - Lower Platte South NRD adopts water plan without added tax -** 3/20/14 - The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Board adopted a district-wide water management plan Wednesday, without a controversial occupation tax. <a href="http://journalstar.com/news/local/lower-platte-south-nrd-adopts-water-plan-without-added-tax/article">http://journalstar.com/news/local/lower-platte-south-nrd-adopts-water-plan-without-added-tax/article</a> a5ba75bf-dc4b-5ede-832c-66a6c75911e9.html

**Kansas City Star - The Buzz: City says Citadel ground less contaminated than feared -** 3/20/14 - The ill-fated Citadel project in east Kansas City may be getting a bit of a break. City officials said Thursday that recent tests of the soil reveal less asbestos contamination than originally feared.

http://www.kansascity.com/2014/03/20/4902725/city-says-citadel-ground-less.html

Kansas City Star - Councilwoman takes job with KCP&L - 3/19/14 - Kansas City 5th District at-large councilwoman Cindy Circo will soon be starting a new, part-time job. She'll be working as a public relations manager for Kansas City Power & Light Co. <a href="http://www.kansascity.com/2014/03/19/4901130/councilwoman-takes-job-with-kcpl.html">http://www.kansascity.com/2014/03/19/4901130/councilwoman-takes-job-with-kcpl.html</a>

**Kansas City Business Journal - Mayor Pro Tem Circo will work for KCP&L -** 3/19/14 - Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Circo is taking a part-time position with Kansas City Power & Light Co.

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**Inside EPA - EPA Said To Be 'In Flux' On Timing Of CWA Jurisdiction Study, Rulemaking -** 3/19/14 - EPA appears to be considering revising its plan for when it will release its controversial proposed rule clarifying the reach of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and a related study on waters' connectivity.

http://insideepa.com/201403192464936/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-said-to-be-in-flux-on-timing-of-cwa-jurisdiction-study-rulemaking/menu-id-95.html

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**Washington Post - WH to unveil new methane strategy this month -** 3/20/14 - The White House plans to press ahead with more executive actions to curb greenhouse gas emissions in the coming weeks, including a government-wide strategy aimed at cutting methane emissions, according to top Obama advisers.

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**Politico - John Podesta knocks greens on natural gas -** 3/20/14 - White House adviser John Podesta took aim Wednesday at environmentalists who have criticized the Obama administration's support for natural gas, "If you oppose all fossil fuels and you want to turn that switch off tomorrow, that is a completely impractical way of moving toward a clean-energy future." <a href="http://www.politico.com/story/2014/03/john-podesta-natural-gas-environment-energy-104836.html">http://www.politico.com/story/2014/03/john-podesta-natural-gas-environment-energy-104836.html</a>

**National Geographic - Green Fracking? 5 Technologies for Cleaner Shale Energy -** 3/20/14 - It may seem strange to hear the words "fracking" and "environmentally friendly" in the same sentence. A number of companies are pioneering technological improvements to mitigate some of the environmental downsides to the process. http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/energy/2014/03/140319-5-technologies-for-greener-fracking/

Scientific American - Fracking Hammers Clean Energy Research - 3/20/14 - Has the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy failed in its mission to create alternative energy breakthroughs? <a href="http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/fracking-hammers-clean-energy-research/">http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/fracking-hammers-clean-energy-research/</a>

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The Hill (blog) - Poll: Keystone splits Dems in key demographics - 3/19/14 - Fifty-six percent of conservative or moderate Democrats approve of the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline, according to a new survey. <a href="http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/201186-poll-keystone-divides-dems-in-key-demographics">http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/201186-poll-keystone-divides-dems-in-key-demographics</a>

**Bloomberg - Obama Keystone Choice Pits Donors Against At-Risk Senate -** 3/19/14 - President Barack Obama's advisers are lining up against the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline. Top Democratic donors oppose the project. And Obama himself dismisses claims that it will create many jobs. <a href="http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-03-19/obama-keystone-choice-pits-donors-against-at-risk-senate.html">http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-03-19/obama-keystone-choice-pits-donors-against-at-risk-senate.html</a>

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Democrats favor granting a permit for the construction of the controversial Keystone XL pipeline, according to a poll released Wednesday by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

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**EcoWatch - ALEC-Affiliated Legislator Leads Charge to Repeal Renewable Energy Standard -** 3/19/14 - ALEC and the Koch brothers are pushing yet another pointless and harmful attack on Kansas's wildly successful Renewable Energy Standard. <a href="http://ecowatch.com/2014/03/19/alec-legislator-renewable-standard/">http://ecowatch.com/2014/03/19/alec-legislator-renewable-standard/</a>

**North Platte Bulletin (Neb.) - Corn-ethanol dispute arrives in court -** 3/19/14 - A \$22 million lawsuit began Tuesday in Lincoln County District Court, pitting a Kansas City commodity trade group against two ethanol plants headquartered in North Platte.

http://www.northplattebulletin.com/index.asp?show=news&action=readStory&storyID=27536&pageID=3

**Environmental Defense Fund - White House Meeting on Climate Change Resilience Shows National Commitment -** 3/19/14 - The White House hosted an event highlighting its commitment to boosting resilience among communities most vulnerable to the effects of climate change. EDF commends the White House for taking steps to make climate change preparedness and resilience a national priority.

http://blogs.edf.org/energyexchange/2014/03/19/white-house-meeting-on-climate-change-resilience-shows-national-commitment/

**Washington Post - Feds talk: What is telework really like? -** 3/19/14 - Our questions focused on how employees spend their days at home and whether they are more or less productive while doing their jobs away from the office, as well as their overall perceptions of teleworking. <a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/federal-eye/wp/2014/03/20/feds-talk-what-is-telework-really-like/">http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/federal-eye/wp/2014/03/20/feds-talk-what-is-telework-really-like/</a>

Climate Central - White House Brings Together Big Data & Climate Change - 3/19/14 - Addressing climate change just got an assist from big data. The White House released the first installment of data and tools for web developers, planners and the public to see the challenges climate change poses and to help identify solutions. <a href="http://www.climatecentral.org/news/white-house-brings-together-big-data-and-climate-change-17194">http://www.climatecentral.org/news/white-house-brings-together-big-data-and-climate-change-17194</a>

Greenwire - EPA budget proposal signals major changes ahead for state regulators - 3/20/14 - President Obama has packed cash for state air regulators in his U.S. EPA budget proposal, pointing to a leading role for states in shaping rules for curbing greenhouse gas emissions from existing power plants. http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059996457/

Greenwire - Report highlights 10 bills that have 'languished' in Congress - 3/20/14 - Partisanship in Congress has stalled locally supported conservation bills for decades, stifling the protection of treasured landscapes and thwarting potential economic development, according to a report released today by conservation groups and touted by a bipartisan duo of former lawmakers. http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059996459/

**Greenwire - New union campaign seeks appreciation for federal employees -** 3/20/14 - The American Federation of Government Employees this week launched a campaign aimed at boosting public appreciation for federal employees. <a href="http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059996450/">http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059996450/</a>

**BNA - EPA Won't Meet Deadline to Set Final Rule on Power Plant Effluent Limits -** 3/19/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency has informed the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia that it will not meet its court-approved deadline of May 22 to finalize wastewater effluent limits for discharges of toxic pollutants from roughly 1,200 steam electric power plants.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283387&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y4x3e2&split=0

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BNA - EPA Inspector General to Launch Probe Into Expiring Post-Closure Care Risks - 3/19/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency's inspector general will launch an investigation April 1 into what safeguards the agency has in place to mitigate human health, environmental and fiscal risks stemming from the expiration of the 30-year post-closure care period at certain hazardous waste disposal sites.

BNA - Senate Finance Committee Expected To Mark Up Wind Power Tax Credit Extender - 3/19/14 - The Senate Finance Committee is expected to approve reinstatement of the expired wind energy production tax credit among other expired energy incentives as part of a tax bill markup planned for early April. <a href="http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283395&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5r0f0&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283395&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5r0f0&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283395&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5r0f0&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283395&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5r0f0&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283395&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5r0f0&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283395&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5r0f0&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283395&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5r0f0&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283395&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5r0f0&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283395&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5r0f0&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283395&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5r0f0&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283395&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5r0f0&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283395&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5r0f0&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283395&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5r0f0&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283395&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5r0f0&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.co

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Top Democratic donors oppose the project. Obama dismisses claims that it will create many jobs. <a href="http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283403&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5x6d4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283403&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5x6d4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283403&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5x6d4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283403&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5x6d4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283403&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5x6d4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283403&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5x6d4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283403&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5x6d4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283403&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5x6d4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283403&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5x6d4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283403&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5x6d4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283403&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5x6d4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=43283403&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7y5x6d4&split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split=0">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/spl

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Inside EPA - GOP, Industry Target CASAC In Push To Influence Ozone NAAQS Review - 3/20/14 - Republicans and industry representatives are targeting EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) in a bid to influence its review of the federal ozone standard. <a href="http://insideepa.com/201403202464993/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/gop-industry-target-casac-in-push-to-influence-ozone-naaqs-review/menu-id-95.html">http://insideepa.com/201403202464993/EPA-Daily-News/gop-industry-target-casac-in-push-to-influence-ozone-naaqs-review/menu-id-95.html</a>

Inside EPA - Competing Analyses Revive Debate Over Ethanol's Potential To Meet RFS - 3/19/14 - Competing background papers released by the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) think tank are reviving debate over the potential of higher ethanol blends including 15 percent (E15) and 85 percent (E85) to help achieve the goals of EPA's renewable fuel standard (RFS). <a href="http://cleanenergyreport.com/201403192464932/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/competing-analyses-revive-debate-over-ethanols-potential-to-meet-rfs/menu-id-202.html">http://cleanenergyreport.com/201403192464932/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/competing-analyses-revive-debate-over-ethanols-potential-to-meet-rfs/menu-id-202.html</a>

Inside EPA - Methanol Advocates Eye EPA Research, Regulations To Bolster Fuel's Use - 3/19/14 - Advocates of using natural gas-derived methanol as a liquid fuel alternative are looking to EPA research initiatives and regulations to help promote greater use of the fuel. <a href="http://cleanenergyreport.com/201403192464933/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/methanol-advocates-eye-epa-research-regulations-to-bolster-fuels-use/menu-id-202.html">http://cleanenergyreport.com/201403192464933/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/methanol-advocates-eye-epa-research-regulations-to-bolster-fuels-use/menu-id-202.html</a>

Inside EPA - Advocates Seek EPA Rules To Curb Methane Leaks - 3/19/14 - The Clean Air Task Force (CATF) is calling on the Obama administration to impose leak detection requirements at the majority of oil and gas facilities as a means of curbing releases of methane. <a href="http://insideepa.com/201403192464843/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/advocates-seek-epa-rules-to-curb-methane-leaks/menu-id-97.html">http://insideepa.com/201403192464843/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/advocates-seek-epa-rules-to-curb-methane-leaks/menu-id-97.html</a>

## **Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: http://go.usa.gov/Qx5

Example: EPA Determines 99 Missouri Water Bodies Should Be Protected for Recreation - 5/1/08 - Contact:

Martin Kessler, 723	Martin	Kessler.	7230
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### **Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets

Example: Time-Critical Removal Action, Chemco Industries, Inc., Superfund Site, Topeka, Kansas - 2/8/08 - Contact: Belinda Young, 7463

# **Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

3/24/14 – Waters of the U.S. Outreach Event – University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster 7557

\*3/25/14 – USACE/EPA Annual Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Cecilia Tapia, 7730

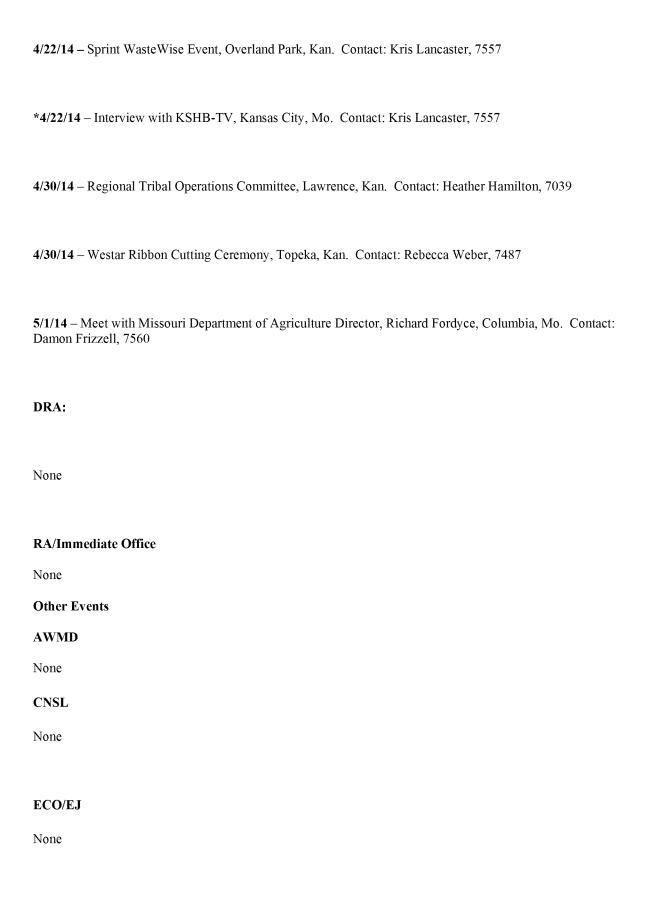
3/26/14 - Waters of the U.S. Outreach Event - University of Lincoln, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Kris Lancaster 7557

3/27/14 – Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe to Visit Region 7, Regional Office. Contact: Mark Hague, 7546

3/31/14 – Madison and Lila Self Graduate Spring Symposium, Lawrence, Kan. Contact: David Bryan, 7433

**4/1/14** – Joint EPA/FTA/FHWA Meeting Regarding the Strong Cities, Strong Communities Initiative, Regional Office. Contact: David Doyle, 7667

4/3/14 – Mid-American Environmental Compliance Conference, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Dave Cozad, 7587



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None
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<b>4/1/14</b> - Federal Executive Board & Chamber of Commerce Small Business Networking Event, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549
4/1/14 - Federal Executive Board Federal Contracting Do's & Don'ts Workshop, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549
<b>4/2/14</b> - State of Missouri Disparity Study Stakeholder Conference, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549
4/3/14 – US Corps of Engineers' Society of Military Engineers Annual Contracting Conference, Kansas City, Mo Contact: Chester Stovall, 7549
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*3/24/14 - Healthy School Outreach, Augusta School District; Contact: Kathleen Fenton, 7874 and Harry Diesel, 7382
*3/2514 - Healthy School Outreach, Lee Summit (Mo.) School Nurse Association; Contact: Kathleen Fenton, 7874 and Harry Diesel, 7382
*4/3/14 - Healthy School Outreach, Iowa School Building and Ground Association, Riverside, Iowa Meeting location. Contact: Harry Diesel, 7382
*9/29-30/14 - Healthy School Outreach, Missouri School Plant Managers' Association Conference, Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. Contact: Kathleen Fenton, 7874 and Harry Diesel, 7382

### **SUPR**

4/1-2/14 - Hosting spring Regional Response Team meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

### **WWPD**

3/27-28/14 - Quarterly Drinking Water Coordination Meeting with Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Des Moines, Iowa. Contacts: Stan Calow, 7410; Bob Dunlevy, 7798; Scott Marquess, 7131; Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036.

3/31-4/4/14 - Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act Enforcement Managers and Toxics Enforcement Managers meeting, Seattle, Wash. Contacts: Jamie Green, 7139, Royan Teter, 7609

**4/1-2/14** – Regulatory Update Presentation at American Water Works Association Annual Conference, Osage Beach, Mo. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

**4/28-5/4/14** – Toxic Substances and Control Act Case Development to EPA Regions 1-4 Case Management Officers, Washington, DC. Contact: Maria Morey, 7079

**5/5-8/14** – Environmental Leaders Institute State / Tribal / EPA Training Workshop, Shepherdstown, W.Va. Contact: Tabatha Adkins, 7128

**5/12-16/14** – National Total Maximum Daily Load/Measures and 303(d) Listing Conference, Denver, Co. Contacts: Tabatha Adkins, 7128, Bruce Perkins, 7067, Debby White, 7886